Minutes, Standing Committee on Rules, November 7, 2005

The meeting was called to order by the Chair at 7:30 P M. Members present were; Teri Banerjee, Bernice Strom, Don Chute, Archie Lyon, Joel Winett, Ed Kross, Michael Berardi and Gloria Geller. There was motion by Joel Winett and second by Archie Lyon to accept the Minutes of Sept. 12, 2005. The vote was 5 in favor, 0 opposed and 1 abstention.

## Old Business;

- 1. Wrap-up/review of October Special Town Meeting
  - Motion to withdraw- instead the article should be withdrawn by the sponsor or a motion to indefinitely postpone by the sponsor. Joel Winett made a motion that was seconded by Bernice Strom to have the Chair ask the Moderator to use these changes. The vote was 8 in favor, 0 opposed and 0 abstentions.
  - Resolutions revisited- decided to take no action on this.
  - What happens to material placed on the Information Table after Town Meeting? Bernice Strom will check with the Town Clerk to find out whether the Background material is filed anywhere. Annual Report should contain the background material of all passed articles.
- 2. Articles that are passed by Town Meeting during the last 2 years that require that a report be given to Town Meeting and have not done so. There are two categories of requirement, one is by Mass. General Laws and the other is by the town by-laws. Examples follow:
  - Report from the Planning Board.
  - Report from Human Relations Board
  - Report from High School Building Committee
  - Report from the Council on Aging
  - Report about the compliance of town on disability access

Committee decided to table discussion of these report until the December Meeting.

- 3. Chairs of the Standing Committees are invited to the December meeting to discuss membership, mission of the board, attendance and submission of Minutes.
- 4. Ballot votes were discussed. This item was tabled until the December Meeting. It was hoped that a ballot vote would be requested on one of the articles at the December Special Town Meeting.

New Business;

There weren't any items for discussion.

There was a motion to adjourn at 9:25 P M by Michael Berardi it was seconded by Archie Lyon and the vote was 7 in favor, 0 opposed and 0 abstentions.

Respectfully submitted, Don Chute, Clerk